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speaks from the heart



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Francis Marion University's first lady, Florence (Folly) Carter shown on the front steps of Wallace House on the FMU campus. Folly talks about her role as FMU's first lady and shares an intimate story of how she was able to have the family she always wanted.

At right, Folly, Fred and Luke Carter on the lawn in front of Wallace House.

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FMU's First Lady

A personal look

The first lady of Francis Marion University, Florence "Folly" Carter, has a reserved confidence and a regal bearing, but underneath the calm exterior is a political dynamo and dedicated wife and mother.

The Columbia native is a former educator who taught business courses at Dreher High School in Columbia and at the Florence Career Center. She worked for South Carolina governors Carroll Campbell Jr., David Beasley and James Hodges. While serving as a public relations coordinator for Gov. Campbell, she met current FMU President Fred Carter. Carter was working as the senior executive assistant for finance and administration under Gov. Campbell. The two had been working side by side for four years before Carter asked Folly out on a date.

"One day, he asked me to dinner, we went on a long walk and the rest is history," Folly said.

In 1999, Carter was named FMU's president. Together, the couple has become heavily involved with the university and in the community with many charity functions and events each year. Folly's experience working with former governors has helped tremendously with her role as FMU's first lady as well as her community work and public speaking



Folly with 10-year old son, Luke.

engagements.

Folly has an active personal and professional life. She stays busy teaching Sunday School, volunteering at her son's school, working with the local Garden Club and the Women's Symphony Guild. The Carters host numerous social events at the Wallace House to improve the university's town-gown relations. One special event is a yearly Christmas party for the children of faculty, staff, students and children from the Pee Dee community. With ponies, Santa, and a number of activities for the young and old to participate in, it's a hit every year. For some children from the local shelters, it is a special treat that helps brighten the holiday season.

Working as the director of Gov. Beas-

ley's Infant Mortality Reduction Program reinforced her commitment to children and family. In that position, Folly was required to build public and private partnerships and increase public awareness to reduce infant mortality deaths in South Carolina. The infant mortality rate decreased 27 percent during her tenure as the program's director.

As serious as she was about decreasing the infant mortality rate, she was equally serious about beginning a family.

"I grew up in a large family, and I knew I always wanted children," Folly said. "When Fred and I married, we tried to have a child. After several years of trying unsuccessfully on our own, I went to see several fertility doctors. At one point, a doctor in Greenville told me I would never have children and I needed to accept it."

Folly returned home disheartened, but she decided not to accept that fate after watching a national news program about the New York Cornell Medical Center In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Program. A woman was featured on the program who had gone through IVF successfully to have a child.

"I thought to myself, if she can do it, so can I," Folly said. "Fred and I drove to New York and met with Dr. Owen Davis in October of 1995. I entered the IVF program in January of 1996, and the next month, I was pregnant with Luke (now 10)."

Though the Carters' first experience with the IVF program was fruitful, they met many women going through the program who had not been successful. Four years later, the Carters would experience an unsuccessful IVF pregnancy, too.

"The women there shared their stories of trying to conceive a child, and I did the same with them," Folly said. "It was so comforting to talk with women going through the same situation. We would laugh and cry telling stories about situations we had



Fred, Folly and Luke have family time at the end of a busy work day.

all gone through. My advice to women who are trying to have children but can't would be to do extensive research on what options are available to them in

state and out of state. Have faith and perseverance as you go through the infertility program. I would also recommend adopting a child. I have seen many happy families who have adopted, and it warms my soul."

Family life is full these days with 10-year old Luke, an older son Bryan and his wife

Adele, and the family pets including a golden retriever named Jake and a stray kitten that President Carter brought home after it kept jumping into his car while he was on a business trip in Charleston. The Carters' life at the university's Wallace House is busy and keeps them active.

"I truly enjoy living on the FMU campus," Folly said. "Our family feels very fortunate to live in such a beautiful home and work with such wonderful people."



Folly, Luke and Bryan enjoy a day at the ocean.



Folly receives a key to the city from Mayor Frank Willis at a recent reception honoring Fred and Folly's contributions made over the years that they have been a part of the FMU community.



Folly and Fred on their wedding day.

FMU grads serve with

By Todd J. Hudak

Most Francis Marion University graduates probably don't realize it, but many of their fellow alums have made successful careers serving their country in the military. This, come to think of it, is quite appropriate considering that the university is named after a Revolutionary War hero.

One such FMU product is Mark Powell, a 1987 electrical engineering graduate and a lieutenant colonel in the Army. Powell earned an associate's degree before coming to FMU. He also holds a master's degree in telecommunications management and numerous certifications. "The Army paid for almost all of my schooling," he said.

A signal corps officer, Powell has served all over the world, including Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East. He also served in Bosnia, configuring satellites, and in Germany and the United Kingdom. He is a Bronze Star with Valor recipient.

One of the first stops in Powell's military career was as a recruiter at FMU, where he spoke to high school students and guidance counselors. A few months ago, Powell accepted a post as a professor of military science and leadership at Western Kentucky University. However, he doesn't consider himself a "real" professor. "I'm not a real professor just because the Army says I am," he joked.

The lieutenant colonel said FMU's quality academics prepared him for a life of military service, as well as for graduate study. "There was nothing I hadn't seen before (at FMU)," he said. Powell said he particularly remembers the rigors of engineering courses taught by professor William "Jack" Breazeale.

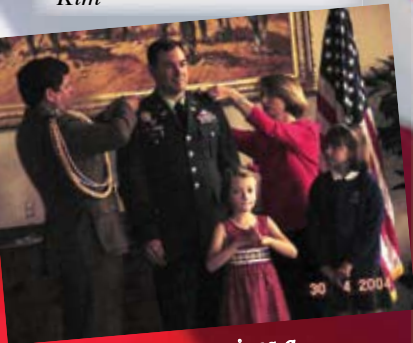
The Elgin native also recalls professor Lynn Hendrick. "I had tons of classes with him. None of them were enjoyable," he said with a laugh. "I felt so stupid and he was so smart!" Powell also has praise for history professor Joe Stukes: "Great instructor, great guy."

Powell said the education in hard sciences he received at FMU placed him "head and shoulders above other guys in the signal corps."

Powell and his wife, Kim, have two daughters, Emily, 11, and Lydia, 8.



Lt. Col. Powell with daughters, Lydia, Emily and wife, Kim



Mark Powell receives a promotion to Lt. Col. from Maj. Gen. (UK) David McDowell with the help of Powell's wife, Kim.



Capt. James Bryan McCullough



Cmdr. Sass with son, Julian, wife, Terricita and daughter, Maegan.

Capt. James Bryan McCullough is a more recent graduate, earning a history degree in 1996 after attending high school in North and South Carolina. McCullough came to FMU to play soccer, but an injury derailed his athletic career.

He enlisted in the Army in the intelligence field, and served as a Persian-Farsi Linguist after studying at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. While in the Army, he deployed to Bosnia. He was commissioned in the Air Force in 2001 as an intelligence officer. Although he can't speak in detail about his work, he has spent time stationed in the United Kingdom and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

McCullough earned a master's degree in Middle East Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School, and is currently back in Monterey, learning Arabic. In March, he will once again be deployed to Iraq. He also plans to pursue a doctoral degree.

What he loves most about his job is the ability to travel and study a region. "At this time in history, it is important to present accurate information to (military) decision makers," he said. McCullough said he would recommend his career field to current FMU students who are interested in languages and political science. He added that jobs are available for those with foreign language skills in any number of federal government agencies.

Ironically, Grady Sass, a 1984 mathematics graduate, "had no desire to join the military initially," coming from a family where three brothers and his father were all in the service. Now, Cmdr. Sass has been in the Navy for 22 years and is Commander in Chief for the U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Chesapeake, Va. He is a surface ship program manager, responsible for

distinction in the military

planning ship maintenance.

"I've gone all over the world," Sass said. He has also worked at the Pentagon.

After an easy time in high school, "I learned how to study in college," Sass said. He described FMU as a place where students make long-term friendships with professors, and he fondly remembers professor Roger "Bucky" Allen, his adviser. "He was outstanding," Sass said.

Sass's wife, Terricita, is a 1987 FMU graduate. In fact, the two met in the Math Lab, where Sass was her tutor. "Francis Marion is still a part of our lives. We had a ball there," said Sass. "The sad part is I don't get to Florence a lot." The couple has two children, Maegan, 14, and Julian, 12.

The Goose Creek native said his favorite things about being in the service are the prestige of being in uniform and the camaraderie. "Because we wear the same uniform, the bond is there," he said. He added that he has the chance to meet people from around the globe.

Sass advises those interested in a military career to talk to someone other than a recruiter. "Find someone and ask about it."

Lt. Col. Joshua Montgomery retired in 2002 after a circuitous military career. He joined the Navy after high school, where he spent three years on active duty and three years as a reserve. He then came to FMU, where he was in the ROTC program. He graduated in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army in 1981 and earned a master's degree in general administration from Central Michigan University in 1997.

"The curriculum at Francis Marion prepared me tremendously," said Montgomery. "The ROTC program was second to none." He added that his time at FMU was hectic, because he was married and was commuting to school from his hometown of Sumter. Somehow he still managed to find time

to work in the registrar's office as a work/study student.

"All the professors stood out – it's unfair to point out just one," he said. "FMU is doing a tremendous job, with what the institution has brought to the Pee Dee area."

Montgomery has made numerous stops in his career. He was chosen to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, which accepts only the top 10 percent of Army officers. He also completed air defense training. He was a basic training company commander at Ft. Jackson, where 15,000 soldiers were trained and 700 were recruited during his tenure. In addition to stateside service at Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Hood, Ft. Bliss, Ft. Stewart, and others, he has served as a division officer in Korea, a corps air defense officer in Germany, and participated in support deployments in Bosnia and for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Near the end of his career, he was a professor of military science and director of the ROTC program at Alabama A & M University. He and his wife, Janie, live in Huntsville, Ala. They have two children, Cheryl, who is a doctoral nursing student at the University of South Carolina, and Tom, who also lives in Columbia and works for the government.

Montgomery said his favorite aspects of military service are taking care of people and equipment, and getting an organization to function. He summed up military life as "responsibility, leadership, and meeting some really good people."

Maj. Paul Romano, a 1995 political science graduate, is stationed at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, but he is currently ending a one-year deployment in Iraq. He is a plans and opera-

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Lt. Col. Joshua Montgomery



Maj. Romano prepping the 50 caliber machine gun prior to moving out on a convoy mission.



Maj. Romano, Capt. Marty Raddigan (USMC), and LTC Lester Moore prior to a military exercise.



Lt. Col. Powell and friends enjoy a cruise on the Baltic Sea.

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tions adviser on a military transition team in Baghdad. Romano provides training and counsel in all areas of human resources support and military pay operations to the Iraqi Army chief of personnel and his staff.

"This has been one of my most rewarding jobs in the Army," Romano said, via e-mail. "Not only have I been able to teach and help my Iraqi counterparts in improving their HR processes, but I have been able to learn from them about their people and culture."

Romano said his family was a strong influence in his decision to embark on a military career. "My grandfather was a World War II Filipino Army veteran and POW, and my father was in the U.S. Navy and a Vietnam War veteran," he said. "It only seemed natural to follow in their footsteps."

Romano participated in ROTC at FMU, as well as Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and the Student Government Association. He credits these organizations with helping him to develop leadership skills.

The soldier said he originally came to FMU with the intent of



Lt. Col. Powell accompanies Ms. Betty Hockey in a wreath laying ceremony in the Roosevelt Memorial Gardens, located in Dorset, UK. Ms. Hockey is the last remaining member of a band that entertained the soldiers.

transferring to USC. "However, I truly enjoyed the small-school atmosphere – the great camaraderie with friends and fellow students, a staff of professors and administrators that not only fostered your growth, but most importantly genuinely cared about your well-being as a young adult."

Romano, who is currently pursuing a master's degree in human resources management from Webster University, cites professors Neal Thigpen, Ike Udogu, Joseph Heyward, Larry Nelson, and Richard Chapman as particularly influential.

"Every day I get to serve alongside and work with some of our nation's brightest and most talented," the Charleston native said. "It's amazing to see soldiers from across the entire spectrum of society work together in unison to accomplish any mission, whether the tasks be small like conducting routine maintenance on a piece of equipment, or harder ones like preparing a unit to deploy overseas into a combat zone."

Francis Marion University can be proud that so many of its graduates are following in the famous footsteps of the Swamp Fox by serving in the United States military.

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Larry Abraham '98
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David Bullard '95
Scott Burton '93
Stephen Butler '79
Francis "Gene" Campbell '81
Thomas Clarkson '78
Steve Cooper '89
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Ralph Davis '88
Jody Dew '90

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Jose Villa '94
Jerry Ward '91
Lisa Washington-Adams '93
Albert Welch '85
Paul Williams '85
Cleon Windham '94
Harry Woodmansee '89
John Woods '99
Thomas Young '96

If you are serving or have served in the military and your name is not on this list, please contact Brandie Hayes at 843-661-1228 or bhayes@fmarion.edu to update your information.

FMU dedicates new nursing building

Francis Marion University dedicated its new Dr. Frank B. Lee Nursing Building, Aug. 15.

A ceremony was held in the building's main foyer, where a plaque of Dr. Lee was unveiled. The event included tours of the building.

The 30,000-square-foot facility is located on the north side of the campus pond. The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation donated \$5.5 million toward construction of the approximately \$8 million building.

"This new nursing building is a tremendous resource for our students, as well as the community," said FMU president Fred Carter. "The facility boasts state-of-the-art classrooms, labs and equipment that will be used to educate nurses to serve the Pee Dee. The building also allows for continued expansion of our nursing program."

"This building stands as a testament to the generosity of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, which provided the bulk of the funding," added Carter. "We are also indebted to the local medical community for their support, especially Carolinas Hospital System and McLeod Health."

The building has primarily brick exterior with precast accents to match other buildings on campus. The structure also includes a 135-seat auditorium, a computer lab with distance-learning capability, two seminar rooms, two conference rooms, and faculty and administrative office space. In addition, the building has a clinical care lab area with 16 patient care stations and three special needs procedural teaching areas. Classroom space includes two tiered classrooms with a seating capacity of 56 students each, and two tiered classrooms with a seating capacity of 64 students each.

Formerly a satellite program of the Medical University of



Dr. Lee speaks at the dedication ceremony.

South Carolina, the stand-alone FMU nursing program has been in the process of expanding to provide more baccalaureate-degree prepared nurses. The program will increase the number of nursing majors this year by 50 percent, from 32 to 48.

The building is named for Dr. Frank B. Lee, chairman of the board of trustees of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation. A native of Scranton, Dr. Lee practiced medicine in Florence for more than 50 years. He is a 1939 graduate of the University of South Carolina and earned his medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1942.

An auditorium in the nursing building is named for Dr. John M. Thomason, a longtime Florence physician. Dr. Thomason has served as vice chairman of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation board since its inception in 1995.

The building's clinical laboratory is named in memory of the late Elizabeth Williamson Barnes, a distinguished nurse practitioner and educator who was vice president of nursing for the Bruce Hospital System upon her death in 1990.

A classroom is named in memory of Janie Fields Bruce, a McBee native who worked as an office nurse, hospital nurse, and surgical nurse at Bruce Hospital beginning in 1945. She became director of nurses, a position she held for 26 years until her retirement in 1972. She died in 1979.

FMU ranked in top 100 by U.S. News and World Report

Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the south's top 100 master's level universities for the sixth year in a row.

The rankings were published in the magazine's book *America's Best Colleges*, 2007 Edition. The magazine released the rankings Aug. 18.

FMU is among schools that are classified as master's level institutions under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the grouping system that *U.S. News* uses as the basis for its ranking categories. There are 557 universities in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West—because they generally draw students heavily from surrounding states.



The method that *U.S. News* uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are categorized primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation performance. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

FMU is classified by the magazine as a regional university, an institution that offers a wide selection of undergraduate programs and master's degrees, but few, if any, doctoral programs. FMU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 49 areas of study.

FMU's second president Dr. Thomas C. Stanton dead at 77

Thomas Cousar Stanton, 77, of Florence, the second president of Francis Marion University, died Oct. 9 at Carolinas Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born June 13, 1929, in Dillon County, Stanton became president of Francis Marion College in July 1983 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1994.

He provided outstanding leadership to the campus for 11 years, serving FMU during some of its most formative years. During his tenure, the university experienced a 70 percent growth in the physical plant, a 42 percent increase in enrollment, and a doubling in the number of faculty members. "We are deeply saddened by the death of FMU's second president, Tom Stanton, who was such a dear friend and supportive colleague," said FMU President Fred Carter. "Not only was he an extraordinary educator and administrator, but during the course of his career, he also served as an ordained minister, a career military officer and a Vietnam veteran. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family."

During the Stanton years, FMU's physical plant continued to grow with construction of six dormitories, additional apartments, a housing office and dining hall. The faculty grew from 105 to more than 200, and new undergraduate programs were added in business administration, art, art education, theatre arts and physics. New graduate programs in business, learning disabilities and school psychology were also developed.

In 1992, the legislature changed the name of the institution to Francis Marion University. By 1993, enrollment topped 4,100, and minority students increased from nine percent to more than 21 percent of the student body. Stanton created the endowed faculty chair program and increased fund-raising from the private sector to create more scholarship opportunities for students. An academic computer center was constructed in 1988 and named in honor of President Stanton. An addition to the science building was completed in 1994 and named in honor of Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman. During this period, not only did the library's usage double, but so did its holdings. Student organizations grew from 33 to 64 and a health center was created with a registered nurse on duty five days a week. The athletic program continued to mature, and the women's basketball team won its second national

championship—this time in the NAIA. In 1993, the university joined the NCAA Division II for intercollegiate competition.

Before coming to Francis Marion, Stanton served for seven years as vice president for academic affairs and professor of business administration at James

Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. Earlier, he taught in the department of business administration and served for a year as its chairman. In 1972, he retired as a lieutenant colonel from active duty in the U.S. Army. While on military assignments in Germany and Korea, he completed requirements for a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, receiving the degree in 1960. He was also awarded numerous military medals, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart after being wounded in Vietnam. He received a master's degree in financial management in 1966 from George Washington University while serving in Washington, D.C., as a financial management staff officer at the Pentagon. He then was sent to Iran as a senior financial management adviser to the Imperial Iranian Armed Forces. It was there at Teheran University that he began his college teaching career, in an English-language master of business administration program which he developed.

Returning to his work at the Pentagon in 1970, he also became an associate professorial lecturer at George Washington University, where he studied for and received a doctor of business administration degree in 1974.

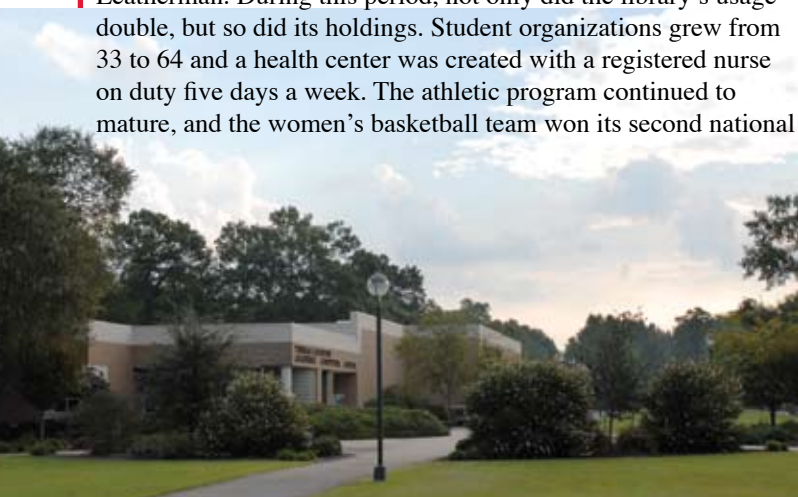
Stanton was a certified business appraiser and served as a consultant to many businesses, particularly in the Virginia and Washington, D.C. area. An active researcher and writer, he has written numerous articles on the state of the economy, business prospects, and accounting procedures for professional publications, and has been a speaker at a number of regional and national meetings. In 1975, he won the Annual Author's Award from the Association of Government Accountants for the best article on financial management.

Stanton served on the advisory board of Southern National Bank in Florence and on the board of the Pee Dee Heritage Center. He was a member of the Florence Rotary Club, and an ordained Baptist minister who had spoken at many area churches. He was pastor of Zoar Baptist Church in Bristersburg, Va., for nine years.

He was married to Sara Louise Thomas Stanton, who died in December 2005. They had two children, a daughter, Sara Kate Stanton Monk, and a son, Thomas Cousar Stanton Jr., and three grandchildren, Emily Sara Monk, Mary Kate and Michael Thomas Stanton.



Stanton



The academic computer center was named in Stanton's honor.

Nursing program gets national accreditation

The baccalaureate degree nursing program at FMU has received its initial accreditation from the National League for Nursing.

The notification came in a letter from Patricia R. Forni, chair of the NLN accrediting board of commissioners. The accreditation is in effect through spring 2011.

"This is another indication of the superb job that department chair Sylvia Lufkin and the nursing faculty have done in putting together this program over the last two years," said FMU President Fred Carter. "Obtaining NLN accreditation in such a short period is a remarkable accomplishment. It means that our nursing program meets high standards and is respected nationally."

The FMU nursing program has already received all state approvals, including the State Board of Nursing.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national accrediting body for all types of nursing education programs.

In the notification letter, Forni thanked Lufkin and her colleagues "for your commitment to quality nursing education." She continued, "By choosing to have accreditation by NLNAC, your nursing program demonstrates a continued interest in having the program measured against the highest national standards of quality in nursing education."

Accreditation is a voluntary, self-regulatory process by which non-governmental associations recognize educational institutions or programs that have been found to meet or exceed standards and criteria for educational quality.

Accreditation also assists in the further improvement of the institutions or programs as related to

resources invested, processes followed, and results achieved. The monitoring of certificate, diploma, and degree offerings is tied closely to state examination and licensing rules, and to the oversight of preparation for work in the profession.

The Medical University of South Carolina began operating a satellite nursing program at Francis Marion in 1982. Carter and MUSC President Raymond S. Greenberg agreed in 2004 to transfer control of the program to FMU. Lufkin was hired that year to head FMU's new Department of Nursing, and she has led the effort to hire faculty, develop the curriculum and library resources, recruit students and obtain all necessary state approvals.

The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation of Florence made a \$5.5 million donation toward building a \$7.6 million, 30,000-plus square foot building to house FMU's stand-alone baccalaureate nursing program. Located just north of the campus pond and adjacent to the McNair Science Building, the two-story building contains all classrooms, patient care labs and support spaces needed for an expanded nursing program at FMU. Named after Dr. Frank B. Lee, the building was dedicated Aug. 15.

Forty-eight new nursing majors began classes in August, a 50 percent increase from a year ago.



Nursing student takes patient's blood pressure in the patient care lab in the Lee Nursing Building.

FMU student designs paint scheme for NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series team

You can bet that Francis Marion University student Josh Chandler watched the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race from Loudon, N.H., on television Saturday, Sept. 16.

And he was rooting for the No. 59 HT Motorsports Toyota Tundra driven by Chad Chaffin. That's because Chandler, a senior marketing major with a minor in graphic design, designed the paint scheme that the truck sported.

Chandler's opportunity came through his employer, K&L Chrome Shop of Florence. K&L provides custom stainless and aluminum fabrication for tractor-trailers. Carolina Custom Lettering and Graphics, a related business located inside K&L, does custom paint and design.

An avid NASCAR fan, Chandler designs paint schemes for his cars in online racing games. One day, he shared some of his designs with K&L's owners, Kelvin and April Locklear, who had recently built a custom hauler for HT Motorsports. Carolina Custom handles HT's graphics.



HT was looking for a new paint scheme to mark its change from Ford to Toyota trucks, and as a result, Chandler's red flames adorned the No. 59 Tundra at New Hampshire and at Las Vegas on Sept. 23. "They want me to come up with two more schemes to run later this season," said Chandler, a

graduate of The King's Academy in Florence.

Chandler visited the race team's shop in Martinsville, Va., to help apply the decals to the Las Vegas truck, and also met the company's president, James Harris. Chandler explained that the truck schemes are a combination of paint and decals. "In the Nextel Cup Series, it's all decals," he said.

After graduating in May, he hopes to parlay his venture with HT Motorsports into a full-time NASCAR career in marketing and graphic design.

Whatever the future holds, Chandler certainly enjoyed watching the truck he designed race around New Hampshire International Speedway.

Director looks forward to future growth

By Kristal Spruell

Rebecca Flannagan has something to be excited about when it comes to a certain writing project in the Pee Dee area.

"I believe the best teachers are other teachers," Flannagan said.

Flannagan is an associate professor of English at Francis Marion University and is currently the director of the Swamp Fox Writing Project at FMU. She has been director of the project since 2000 along with co-directors Matt Nelson and Linda Dowling. Nelson is an associate professor of English at FMU and Dowling is a public school teacher in the Florence area.

The Swamp Fox Writing Project was founded in 1999 by former FMU English professor Suzanne Cherry. Cherry enlisted assistance from Flannagan and Dowling as co-directors. Unfortunately, they began the project with no funding.

"We ran the Summer Institute in 1999 even though we didn't have any money," Flannagan said. "Francis Marion ended up giving us \$4,000 for funding just because they were nice."

Every summer, the Swamp Fox Writing Project holds a Summer Institute where teachers from the Pee Dee area attend a four-week seminar equivalent to a graduate level course.

"A little over 100 teachers have participated in the project so far. Typically it averages about 15 teachers every summer," Flannagan said.

The writing project is designed to help public school teachers become better writing teachers through the use of hands-on projects, personal writing assignments and demonstrative lessons.

"Every teacher has to complete four pieces of writing by the end of the four weeks that include a personal or literary piece, a reflective piece, a professional piece, and a technology component," Flannagan said.

Each piece of writing that the teachers complete strengthens their skills, which enables them to have a deeper knowledge about writing.

"It's hard to know how hard it is to write unless you have to do it yourself," Flannagan adds.

According to the National Writing Project's website, the organization has more than 200 sites across the 50 states, Puerto Rico,

Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The sites serve more than 141,000 educators every year.

Flannagan expressed two main goals for the writing project at FMU.

"We want to better enrich the people that go through the institute so they will want to come back and do work for FMU. This will help to build our teacher leaders," Flannagan said. "We also want to develop more connections with local schools."

Flannagan also expressed her desire to involve FMU students.

"It's important for us to keep that connection with the students," Flannagan said. "Our logo for the writing program was designed by a graphic design student from this university."

The Swamp Fox Writing Project also has a relationship with the students in the Pee Dee area through the Langston Hughes Poetry Contest that recently completed its fourth year. The contest is open to all grade levels. The top three winners in each age group are awarded gift certificates from Books-a-Million. The students are also invited to read their work at an annual celebration sponsored by the Swamp Fox Writing Project.

When asked where she would like to see the Swamp Fox Writing Project in the next five years, Flannagan mentioned that a summer camp for children is in the works, as well as an effort to get more people involved in the program.

"It would be nice to have a small pool of people that are involved, about 20 dependable people who are heading up many of our major programs," Flannagan said. "Hopefully, that summer camp could be headed up by writing project teachers."

"Our overall goal is to help teachers become better teachers in writing."

For more information about the National Writing Project, visit www.nwp.org.

Kristal Spruell is a student intern in the FMU Communications Services Office.



Flannagan

Entrepreneur magazine lists FMU in ranking of top programs

FMU is listed in Entrepreneur magazine's fourth-annual ranking of the nation's top entrepreneurial colleges.

The listing is a joint effort between Entrepreneur magazine and the Princeton Review. The Princeton Review, a leading provider of educational services, surveyed more than 700 undergraduate and business schools about their offerings in entrepreneurship. The survey included questions covering everything from mentoring, experiential learning and specific course offerings to alumni successes and career prospects of current students.

The magazine ranks the top 25 undergraduate and top 25 graduate programs. FMU appears on a list of additional entrepreneurship programs, along with schools such as Cornell University, Dartmouth College, the University of Florida, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Michigan.

The FMU School of Business and its Donald E. Kelley Small

Business Institute conduct a number of entrepreneurship programs. In July, FMU hosted a three-day program of entrepreneurship training for 29 local teachers. Also in July, FMU hosted a week long residential business camp for 16 students from Marion High School.

"The faculty, staff, and students in our School of Business deserve the praise for creating an environment where creativity, innovation, and new venture creation are recognized as the keys to wealth creation in our society," said Barry O'Brien, dean of FMU's School of Business. "In our entrepreneurship camp this summer, seeing 16-year-olds feel the magic of creating their own business plan was exciting to behold."

For more information about the rankings or to view FMU's listing, go to <http://www.entrepreneur.com/topcolleges>.

FMU named one of “Best 282 Business Schools” by Princeton Review

Francis Marion University is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the school in the 2007 edition of its “Best 282 Business Schools.”

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review VP-Publishing, “We chose schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools, and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and report on their campus experiences at the schools. We are pleased to recommend Francis Marion University to readers of our book and users of our website as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA.”

“Best 282 Business Schools” has two-page profiles of the schools with write-ups on their academics, student life and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services. In the profile on FMU, The Princeton Review editors describe the school as having a convenient MBA program that is scheduled in the evening to accommodate working students. They quote from students attending it who say that the convenience and low cost of the program are strong positives.

In a “Survey Says. . .” sidebar in the profile, The Princeton Review lists topics that FMU students surveyed for the book were in most agreement about. The list includes friendly students and solid preparation in teamwork, presentation skills, and quantita-

tive skills. The Princeton Review’s 80-question survey asked students about themselves, their career plans, and their schools’ academics, student body and campus life.

The Princeton Review does not rank the schools in the book on a single hierarchical list from one to 282, or name one business school best overall. The book has 11 ranking lists of the top 10 business schools in various categories. The lists are also posted at www.PrincetonReview.com. Ten lists are based on The Princeton Review’s surveys of 18,000 students attending the 282 business schools profiled in the book. (Only schools that permitted The Princeton Review to survey their students were eligible for consideration for these lists.) Conducted during the 2005-06, 04-05 and 03-04 academic years, the student surveys were done primarily online. One list, “Toughest to Get Into,” is based solely on institutional data. (All schools in the book were eligible for consideration for this list.)

“Best 282 Business Schools” also has advice on applying to schools and funding the degrees. The book is one of 200 Princeton Review titles published by Random House. The line includes annual guides to the best law schools and medical schools, plus guides to grad school application essays and admission exams. The Princeton Review is also known for its college and career guidebooks, its test-prep courses and other education services. The company is not affiliated with Princeton University.



Nicole Boone and Bob Juback speak with Fred Carter during the recent live WBTW broadcast on campus. WBTW broadcast its 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts from FMU’s Grille on Sept. 6, featuring a number of FMU segments.

FMU's enrollment hits second all-time high

Francis Marion University has recorded its second all-time high enrollment with 4,075 students taking classes during the 2006 fall semester.

FMU topped the 4,000 mark for only the third time in the institution's 37-year history.

Official fall enrollment stands at 4,075 students, surpassed only by the record 4,103 students who attended FMU in 1993. This fall's enrollment has jumped by 67 students from the 4,008 from fall 2005, or about two percent.

The university also had a record number of applications for the fall semester. There were 2,692 freshman applications, a seven percent hike from fall of 2005. Transfer applications were up 19 percent.

"More students are discovering that FMU is a great place to pursue their education," said President Fred Carter. "But the real credit belongs to the faculty and staff, for it is the quality of their work that attracts these students."

FMU draws students from all regions of the state, but this year saw significant increases from Darlington, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Richland, Williamsburg and York counties. Ninety-five percent of the student body comes from 44 of the 46 counties in South Carolina. The other five percent comes from 26 other states and 16 foreign countries.

There are 3,514 undergraduate students and 561 graduate students registered for fall classes, both numbers up from last year. This is the sixth straight year that the number of FMU undergraduates has increased.

The undergraduate enrollment breaks down as follows: new freshmen, 797; other freshmen, 168; sophomores, 807; juniors, 683; seniors, 719; and special students, 340.

Women make up 69 percent of the total enrollment. Minorities make up 41 percent of the student body. Seventy-seven percent of the students are enrolled full-time. The average age of undergraduates is 21, and the average for graduate students is 36.

Florence County continues to provide the largest number of students to FMU with 1,236, or 32 percent of the total. Darlington County is second with 361 students, followed by Marion County with 200.

FMU Center of Excellence holds Fall Colloquium



The Fall Colloquium was well attended.

The Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty held its Fall Colloquium, Wednesday, Oct. 18, with a speech by Yale University researcher Fay Brown.

The colloquium featured a brief lecture on "Teachers' Interpretations of Student Behavior and the Influence of Those Interpretations on Student School Success," followed by a discussion with attendees.

Brown is an associate research scientist at the Child Study Center at Yale University and director of child adolescent development. She has written extensively on child development issues, the reading achievement of struggling elementary school students, and teachers' interpretations of African-American students' behavior. She holds degrees from the University of Connecticut and Howard University.



Brown

The FMU School of Education was awarded a five-year grant that established on campus the Center of Excellence. The grant includes a component that supports staff development and in-service training for teachers in the Pee Dee region. Visit the center's website at www.fmucenterofexcellence.org for more information.

NTRANZE to perform at Art's Alive on March 24, 2007



Mark your calendar for the 30th anniversary of Art's Alive on March 24, and join us for a day of music, dance and art!

Visit the outdoor stage and enjoy the music of NTRANZE, the house band at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach since 1988. Hailed as one of the best musical experiences throughout the Grand Strand and the Carolina's, NTRANZE will deliver their energetic performance on the FMU campus. The band plays a diverse variety of songs from the 50's to the present, including energized rhythm and blues, funk, dance, rock, beach, reggae, jazz, and classic love songs. For more information, call the Office of Community Relations at 843-661-1229.

Pee Dee International Festival

The 14th annual Pee Dee International Festival was held on the FMU campus on Oct. 21. Thousands of visitors enjoyed the sights, sounds and tastes from around the world. The festival featured a variety of performing artists, cultural displays, international foods, and events for children.



Florence attorney, two retired FMU administrators to receive FMU honorary degrees Dec. 16

A Florence attorney and two retired university administrators will be awarded honorary degrees from FMU during fall commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

Selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees are: Eugene N. (Nick) Zeigler, Marvin W. Lynch and Joseph E. Heyward, all of Florence.

Zeigler also will be the commencement speaker for the 291 candidates for FMU degrees. Candidates include 225 students for undergraduate degrees and 66 for graduate diplomas.



Zeigler

A native of Florence, Zeigler received a bachelor's degree from the University of the South in 1942 and his juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School in 1949.

He has practiced law in Florence since 1949, and is presently of counsel in the law firm of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. In 2005, he received the Durant Distinguished Service Award from the South Carolina Bar Foundation.

Zeigler saw active duty in the U.S. Navy in World War II and served on four aircraft carriers in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. He remained active in the Naval Reserve and retired with the rank of captain.

His civic and political activities include: the National Board of Big Brothers of America, 1955-57; S.C. House of Representatives, 1961-62; chairman, S.C. Interagency Council on Arts and Humanities, 1966; S.C. Senate, 1967-1972; nominee of the S.C. Democratic Party for U.S. Senate, 1972; chairman, S.C. Human Affairs Commission, 1973-75; member and chairman, S.C. Department of Corrections, 1975-1990; trustee of the Florence Museum, 1951-present; secretary of the Saint David's Society, 1977-2005; the Florence Kiwanis Club; and a member of the advisory committee of the Southern Studies Program at the University of South Carolina.

He taught political science (1970-71) at Francis Marion College when it became a four-year, degree granting institution.

Zeigler is the author of three books, *Florence, A Renaissance Spirit*; *Barnwell Blarney*; and *Refugees and Remnants*, and numerous articles on the history of Florence as well as several plays.

Zeigler was awarded the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award by the S. C. Arts Commission in 1972 and the Jack Baker Award by the Florence Arts Council in 1992. In 1999, he was honored with the Order of the Palmetto, this state's highest civilian award. And in 2001, he was named the Ralph King Anderson Award recipient by the Florence County Bar. He was awarded the Governor's Award in the Humanities for his lifetime achievement as a scholar and historian in 2004.

Lynch, a native of Pamplico, retired in 1995 from FMU after serving as director of admissions and an instructor in business administration for 25 years. He had served as director of admissions at USC Florence for two years prior to the institution becoming FMU. His career also includes serving as executive director of the Pee Dee Area Big Brother Association for six years and as a teacher and coach for three years at Ridge Spring-Monetta High School and Pamplico High School. He coached the Pamplico boys basketball team to the state championship in 1961 and was a volunteer basketball coach at USC Florence for six years.



Lynch

Ordained as a Baptist minister, he currently serves as a volunteer chaplain for FMU. Active in Calvary Baptist Church, he is also involved in the Florence Baptist Association and the South Carolina State Baptist Convention.

A graduate of Pamplico High School, Lynch earned an associate's degree at North Greenville College, a bachelor's degree at Furman University and a master's degree in management and supervision at

Central Michigan University.

Active in numerous community organizations, Lynch helped organize the Pee Dee Area Soap Box Derby in 1966, helped organize the Baptist Student Union at USC Florence and chaired the S. C. Steering Committee for the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth. He also served a three-year term on the Florence School District One Board of Trustees.

While at FMU, he was active in the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. In 1991, he was one of three persons to be given an award of excellence by CACRACO. He was named outstanding young man of the year by the Florence Jaycees in 1966 and won the Civitan Good Citizen Award in 1971. He also has served as interim pastor for churches on 27 occasions.

Heyward retired in June after a 32-year career serving in a number of roles at FMU. He came to work at FMU in 1973 as director of student facilities, assistant dean of student affairs, academic counselor and instructor of mathematics. After serving as area representative for U.S. Senator Ernest Hollings for two years, he became assistant superintendent for Florence School District One for three years, before returning to FMU as vice president for college activities. On three occasions, he served as provost on interim appointments, before concluding his career as vice president for student affairs.



Heyward

He also taught high school at Rosemont Junior High in Norfolk, Va., served as a commissioned officer for two years in the U.S. Army in Kaiserlautern, Germany, and was a teacher and principal in Florence School District One.

A native of Florence, Heyward earned a bachelor's in mathematics at Hampton In-

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Scott Kaufman publishes books about Jimmy Carter, Gen. Francis Marion

Francis Marion University associate professor of history Scott Kaufman had two books published in October.

The first book, *The Presidency of James Earl Carter Jr.*, is a revised edition of a book by Burton I. Kaufman, Scott Kaufman's father. Burton and Scott Kaufman collaborated on the revised edition.

According to the University of Kansas Press, "Burton Kaufman's book on the Carter years was hailed as the best account of his administration. This new edition probes more deeply into Jimmy Carter's approach to the presidency and the issues that he faced. It features more information on his foreign and environmental policies and expanded coverage of his personal background – both his upbringing and naval career – along with insights into his wife's activist role.

"Drawing on Carter's previously unavailable Handwriting File, as well as on new oral histories and Carter's own books, Burton and Scott Kaufman show the ways in which Carter had the opportunity – but failed – to be a successful transitional president. By the fall of 1978 he had become a more effective leader than during the first part of his presidency but could not undo his earlier mistakes and continued to make serious errors of political judgment.

"In the final analysis, the Kaufmans fault Carter for not crafting a coherent message that would offer the American people a vision

on which to build a base of support and assure his success. As his reputation as an ex-president continues to grow, this updated book offers an even better understanding of his White House years."

Scott Kaufman's second book is titled *Francis Marion: Swamp Fox of South Carolina*.

Aimed at fifth graders, this short children's book about Gen. Francis Marion covers his entire life but focuses primarily upon his exploits during the American Revolution. Kaufman explains why Marion decided to join the South Carolina state militia, how he acquired an expertise in guerrilla warfare, and the larger impact he had upon the effort of southern patriots to seek independence. Oftentimes short on men and supplies, Marion ended up proving very important to the success of the Revolution in the South.

Kaufman joined the FMU faculty in 2001. He earned the B.A. degree in history from Kansas State University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Ohio University.



Kaufman with his two latest books.

Honorary degrees

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stitute in Hampton, Va., in 1963, a master's in mathematics from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md., in 1971, and a doctorate in student personnel administration from the University of South Carolina in 1987.

Heyward is active in numerous professional organizations, including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, the Association of Fraternity Advisors, the Southern Association of College Student Affairs and the S.C. College Personnel Association. He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and has been extremely active in that organization's growth and development since his initiation in 1963.

He also belongs to Fidi Amici Social Club, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Florence Rotary Club, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Over the years, Heyward has been active in more than 40 community civic organizations, including United Way, the Urban League, Heart to Heart, People for People, Pelican House Inc., Florence Chamber of Commerce, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Pee Dee Area Council—Boy Scouts of America, Pee Dee Big Brothers Association, Florence Boys Club of America, Pee Dee Housing Development Corp., New Hope of Florence and the Florence Symphony Board of Directors.

He has received many awards and honors, including the Distinguished Service Award from the S.C. Commission on Higher Education in 1998, and he has been recognized more than 20 times with awards from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. A scholarship honoring him was established at FMU in 2005.

Jordan appointed to endowed chair

Mike Jordan, a psychology professor at Francis Marion University, has been appointed to an endowed chair at the university.

Jordan has been appointed to the Walter D. Smith Chair in Psychology. This chair is named for FMU's first president, who served from 1970 to 1983.

Jordan has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1972. He serves as coordinator of the psychology program and as director of institutional research. He was the university's Distinguished Professor for 2003-2004. He earned the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from Georgia State University.

"Mike Jordan is one of the founding members of the Psychology Department and has ably served it since 1972," said John Hester, chair of the FMU Psychology Department. "This chair recognizes his exemplary teaching and scholarship. Over the years Mike's intellect and energy have enriched every aspect of the department's work."



Jordan

Kraikit Scholarship established at FMU

Drs. Sompong and Suwanee Kraikit have established an endowed scholarship to benefit international students at FMU.

The Sompong and Suwanee Kraikit Scholarship is intended to offer a teacher in Thailand an opportunity to pursue a graduate degree in education at FMU. The scholarship will cover tuition, room and board, and books for the recipient.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must have a bachelor's degree and meet admission requirements for international students as outlined in the FMU catalog. The student must be accepted into the graduate program in instructional accommodation through the FMU School of Education. The student must also be a native of Thailand and intend to return to Thailand to teach in a rural area.

If no student meets the above criteria, the scholarship may be awarded to a student recommended by the School of Education.

The Kraikits are longtime supporters of the university, with Sompong Kraikit serving on the FMU Foundation Board, including several terms as chair. Actively involved in the university's capital campaign, he previously established an international education fund at the university in honor of his wife.

"Francis Marion University is truly fortunate to have benefactors such as Sompong and Suwanee Kraikit," said FMU

president Fred Carter. "This scholarship is just the latest example of the Kraikits' generosity and support of FMU. This fund will allow deserving international students to earn a graduate degree in education and to become better teachers."

Dr. Sompong Kraikit, a native of Nakornsawan, Thailand, has practiced medicine in the Florence community since 1976. A specialist in nephrology and hypertension, Dr. Kraikit was medical director of the Florence Dialysis Center for 20 years. He currently is medical director of the Darlington Dialysis Center and the Florence Home Dialysis Center. For 10 years, he was medical director of the Acute Dialysis Unit, Medical Intensive Care at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Since 1977, he has been a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Kraikit is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and is a member of the Subspecialty Board of Nephrology, the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology, the American Federation for Clinical Research, the Society of Sigma Xi, the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, the American Medical Association, the State Board of Medical Examiners, the S.C. Medical Society and the Florence County Medical Society.

Wessie Hicks Nursing Scholarship established

The Wessie G. Hicks Nursing Scholarship has been established by her children, Lee H. Nunn and Ruell L. Hicks Jr.

The scholarship recognizes Wessie Hicks's dedication to the field of nursing. She was a 1937 graduate of the McLeod Infirmary Training School for Nursing and later completed graduate work at the University of Virginia and Teachers College of Columbia University in New York.

From 1937 until 1974, with the exception of a few months with the Department of Health, her nursing career was pursued at McLeod. She served in numerous capacities, including floor nurse, nursing arts instructor, nursing supervisor, and director of nursing service.

The scholarship recipient must be formally admitted into the FMU nursing program, must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, must demonstrate financial need, and must be a resident of the Pee Dee.

"My brother and I are thrilled with the establishment of the School of Nursing at Francis Marion University," said Nunn. "It was always a dream of our mother's to have a four-year degree program in the Florence area. We are so pleased to have the opportunity to continue Mother's interest by helping provide an annual scholarship. It is our hope that her dedication to nursing excellence will be remembered as Francis Marion strives to meet the future nursing needs of our community."

2006 Scholarship Reception

The 2006 Scholarship Reception held Nov. 2, in the Smith University Center Commons celebrated scholarship donors and the tremendous part they play in the lives of the student recipients. More than 150 students and donors attended this event.

President Fred Carter thanked the donors for their generosity and commitment to students at FMU. The recipient student speakers were Hedi Bishop, a sophomore biology major from Johnsonville, LeGare Miller, a first year nursing student from Pamplico, and Brittany Young, a political science major from Moncks Corner and a member of the women's basketball team.



Fred Carter and Jay Dowd look on as scholarship recipient Hedi Bishop shares some thoughts with students and donors.



The FMU Fund is the university's annual giving program that is the essential backbone of unrestricted support for the University.

Gifts to the FMU Fund help support students through such things as:

- Student financial aid, scholarships, and leadership awards
- Equipment for classrooms
- Enriched library collection
- Upgraded technology and teaching materials

Your generous gift will enrich the FMU experience in many ways, giving our students and faculty additional tools they need to excel and prosper. You can help make a difference between a good university and a great one. For more information, contact Brandie Love at 843-661-1218 or give online at www.fmarion.edu/alumni.

35 participate in Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU

Thirty-five South Carolina residents are participating in the fifth class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU. The 35 participants come from 14 locations across the state, and represent 34 different non-profit organizations.

Funded initially with multi-year grants from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, the institute now receives major support from FMU, along with a grant from the PSARAS Foundation.

Remaining sessions of the seven-month training are scheduled for Jan. 18-19, Feb. 23, March 23, and April 19-20.

Topics include leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development; engaging board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU Institute. A native of Camden, he is a graduate of the Kershaw County public schools, Duke University, and the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University. He began his professional career as a journalist and publisher and has served in a variety of positions in state government. He is currently a senior fellow at the Institute for Public Service and Policy Research at



the University of South Carolina.

"We are particularly pleased that working non-profit executives continue to enroll in our seven-month program on the Francis Marion campus," said Sheheen. "This year's class comes from all geographical areas of the state and includes executives from large and small non-profit organizations. Particularly striking is the wide variety of service activities in which these organizations are engaged. The interchange of ideas among these folks will be stimulating and interesting as they improve their professional talents and skills."

For more information about the Non-Profit Leadership Institute, contact the FMU Foundation at 843-661-1229.

Wilbur Hicks Music Scholarship created

The Wilbur Hicks Music Endowed Scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by an anonymous donor.

Hicks was a native of Florence County, and a poet, songwriter, musician, preacher, barber and farmer. His desire was to write music and have it published. As his music was never published, it is the donor's desire that the scholarship recipient have the opportunity Hicks never had.

The scholarship recipient must have a major concentration in music, must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5, must demonstrate financial need, and must be a resident of the Pee Dee.

Nicki Ard Scholarship established by brothers

The Nicki A. Ard Endowed Scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University by her brothers, Ken and Sammy Ard.

Nicki Ard was a 1995 graduate of FMU. Even though she was physically challenged all her life, she achieved much. Her music ministry and numerous speeches spread a message of hope and love to countless individuals across the country. She was crowned Miss Wheelchair USA in 2000.

The scholarship recipient must be a graduate of Hannah-Pamlico High School and must demonstrate financial need. If there is no such candidate, the recipient must have graduated from a high school in Florence County.

Hartzler steps down as men's soccer coach to become full-time FMU athletic director

FMU men's soccer head coach Murray Hartzler announced on Friday (Nov. 3) his retirement from the coaching profession to concentrate full-time on his duties as the institution's athletic director.

Hartzler also announced that his assistant coach for the past five seasons, Kevin Varnado, has been named head coach for the Patriot men's soccer program.

Since joining the FMU coaching staff in the spring of 1994, Hartzler posted a 133-106-13 record in 13 seasons leading the Patriot men's soccer program. He is the winningest coach in the program's 32-year history. Of his 13 Patriot squads, six registered double-figure win totals.

FMU recently concluded its 2006 campaign with a 4-12-1 record, following a quarterfinal-round loss in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament.

Hartzler was the men's soccer coach at Hiram College (Ohio) for 10 years before coming to Florence. Altogether, he retires with a 219-167-34 men's coaching record that covers 23 seasons. He ended the 2006 campaign ranking 18th in total victories among all active NCAA Division II men's soccer coaches.

In each of his first seven seasons on the Patriot bench, he increased or equaled his season win total, capped by his 2000 squad. That team posted a 17-3-1 record, won the Peach Belt regular-season title, spent two weeks ranked No. 1 in the nation, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II national tournament. Two years later, his 2002 Patriot team also captured the PBC regular-season crown.

Hartzler was twice named the Peach Belt Coach of the Year. He served on the 2004-05 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Committee, which governs the Division II men's soccer championships, and the following year was named national chairman.

Hartzler also began the Patriot women's soccer program in 1995, and in only a few years built the program into a national power. He compiled a 109-35-4 record in eight seasons before relinquishing those coaching duties in 2003. Two of his women's teams earned invitations to the



Hartzler as he coaches in his last game of the season.

NCAA Division II national tournament.

In 2000, Hartzler assumed the position of athletic director, following the retirement of Gerald Griffin.

"I am excited about the future of Francis Marion athletics," Hartzler said. "The business of college athletics has grown so that it is difficult and unfair to balance two jobs, that of AD and head coach." Entering the 2006-07 academic year, Hartzler was the lone athletic director in the Peach Belt Conference that still held a coaching position.

"This move will allow me to continue to build the Patriot athletic program, especially as we examine our NCAA affiliation. As our men's golf and women's soccer teams conclude their second and final year of transitioning to Division I membership in the spring of 2007, we will be closely checking the status of our remaining 10 sports.

"Holding both positions for the past few years has been taxing, and unfortunately, the results on the soccer field have reflected this. Now the program can move on with the full attention of coach Varnado.

"I am saddened to leave the coaching profession, but as athletic director, I look forward to a continued interaction with our student-athletes, just not on the sidelines and in the locker room. I have relished my time on the Patriot bench and have fond memories of the players that have come through our program."

A native of Clarence, N.Y., Hartzler earned an undergraduate degree in 1980 from Goshen College (Ind.) and received a master's degree from Kent State University in 1991.

In addition to serving as Hartzler's assistant coach, Varnado has also worked as the university's equipment manager. Varnado becomes the first African-American head coach for a men's sport at FMU.

Prior to joining Hartzler's staff in 2002, he coached one season as a men's assistant coach at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He earned a B.S. degree in exercise science from St. Andrews in 2000. He was a three-year letterman on the Knights soccer team, earning team MVP honors each season and twice being named to the Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference first-team All-Conference Team. He played one season at the University of Central Florida before transferring to St. Andrews.

Following his graduation, Varnado spent one year as assistant athletic trainer at Alabama State University.

He has a "B" license from United States Soccer and has worked as a staff coach with the South Carolina Olympic Development Program.



Varnado

Two added to men's hoops coaching staff



Holmes

First-year Francis Marion University men's basketball head coach Gary Edwards has announced two appointments to his staff. Jonathan Holmes, of Bloomington, Ind., and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, has joined the Patriot staff as an assistant coach, while former FMU player Jarron Hinton of Lima, Ohio, has been added as a volunteer assistant coach.

Holmes' primary responsibilities will include recruiting, on-floor coaching, individual player workouts, pre- and post-season workouts, and helping in the area of academic support for team members.

Holmes comes to FMU after spending one year as an assistant coach at Montreat College, during which the Cavaliers compiled a 22-10 mark, won the Appalachian

Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament titles, and reached the second round of the NAIA Division II national tournament.

Holmes is a 2003 graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, where he was a four-year member of the Tar Heel basketball squad. He played in 76 career games and recorded a nearly two-to-one assists to turnovers ratio. He appeared in the 2000 Final Four against the University of Florida and in the 2003 NIT post-season tournament. He was named to the 2003 ACC All-Academic Team.

"Holmes is an outstanding young coach with a bright future in this profession," Edwards said. "As a standout student and athlete in Indiana, and later as a co-captain for the University of North Carolina, he has established a record of extraordinary performance. I feel very fortunate to have him as a part of our staff, and he will play a vital role in building this program."

Hinton played for the Patriots during

the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons. He averaged 7.1 points and 5.3 assists per game with a school-record 66 steals as a senior, while helping lead FMU to a 27-4 record and an appearance in the round of Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Division II national tournament. His two-year total of 309 assists stands fourth on the Patriot career list.

"Hinton was a leader and an outstanding player on one of Francis Marion's finest squads," Edwards said. "He understands what it takes to be successful here, and he will play an important role in passing on that knowledge to our current and future players."

FMU returns six lettermen from last season's 12-16 squad that placed eighth in the Peach Belt Conference.



Hinton

SPORTS SHORTS

VOLLEYBALL: FMU ended its 2006 season with a 26-8 record under the guidance of first-year head coach Paul MacDonald, and captured a share of the Peach Belt Conference regular-season championship.

Three Patriots – senior middle hitter Lezlie Logan (Cleburne, TX), sophomore setter Jenna Kaiser (Broomfield, CO), and senior libero Jessica Strader (Kettering, OH) – were all named to the All-Conference Team. Strader ended her career owning the school and conference records for career digs with 2,248, the fifth-highest total in NCAA Division II history. Logan concluded her career with a school-record 1,878 kills, second-best in PBC history.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: The Patriot men's cross country team placed fifth at the 2006 Peach Belt Conference championships and 17th at the NCAA Division II South Regional Meet. Sophomore Steven Holmes (Hodges, SC) led the FMU runners during the five regular-season meets, while senior Patrick Hopewell (Malvern, PA) paced the Patriot runners

at the conference (17th individual) and region (66th) meets.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: The FMU women's cross country team finished seventh at the 2006 PBC Championship Meet and 18th at the NCAA Division II South Regional Meet. Two runners – junior Codi Knoch (Wapakoneta, OH) and sophomore Kelly May (Bowling Green, OH) – earned All-PBC honors. May was Francis Marion's top finisher in six of the seven meets. She placed 13th at the PBC championships and 34th at the NCAA regional meet. Knoch finished seventh at the PBC meet with a career-best time of 19:20 (for 5,000-meters), the second-fastest time in the program's history (only 10 seconds off the record).

MEN'S SOCCER: The FMU men's soccer team finished 2006 with a 4-12-1 record that included three one-goal losses. Junior back Matt Gourie (Midland, GA) was named to the PBC All-Tournament Team. Sophomore Jonathan Bartomioli (Bartlett, IL) led the Patriots in scoring with 14 points (5 goals, 4 assists). The young squad had only one senior on its roster.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Francis Marion completed its second and final year of transitioning to NCAA Division I affiliation with an 11-5-3 mark, a six-win improvement over the 2005 campaign. Among the losses were three 2-1 losses, including a narrow defeat at the University of South Carolina. The Patriots were 5-0-2 at home pushing their all-time home record to 82-16-5. Freshman forward Kirby Stenard (Cincinnati, OH) led FMU with 32 points (14 goals, 4 assists), while junior Ashley Fortune (Bothell, WA) registered 28 points (12 goals, 4 assists). Freshman midfielder Angela Salem (Copley, OH) tied the school record for assists in a season with 11, while junior goalkeeper Jacque Sutphin (Davidsonville, MD) played all but 54 minutes in goal this season. She compiled an 0.98 goals against average with seven shutouts, including a school-record string of 484 shutout minutes midway through the year. Senior back Brittany Rothenbach (Bel Air, MD), who started all 70 matches in her career at FMU, was one of three seniors on the roster.

Dear Alumni

I have noticed the older I get, the more I catch myself saying, “remember when . . .” and then take off into a lengthy monologue about some past event that happened a long time ago. Usually, I’m politely humored by whomever is listening as they smile, nod, and pretend to go back in time to the event I’m describing. And the next time I see them, I probably speak of the same event and once again they go along with me as if it is the first time they’ve heard the story. That reminds me! Have I ever told you the story about . . . ! Just kidding!

What experiences come to your mind when you begin reminiscing about some past events of your life? Will you remember playing in the sandbox with your neighbor and finally showing her the photograph when you’re both in your 40’s? How about the tree whose limb fit you just right when you were a young person and you could sit on it and daydream about the future? Was it a rabbit, puppy, kitten, pony, hamster, or lizard that made your birthday the very best ever? Or, maybe a lump comes in your throat as you remember the first time you had to say goodbye to a best friend who moved out of town. Isn’t it great to be able to step back in time and remember?

I have the privilege of remembering a lot as I step onto the FMU campus every morning. Just being on the grounds brings about a certain feeling of belonging that I actually felt 30 years ago as a student. Professors inviting students to continue scholarly discussions in their offices after class, making lifelong friends over lunch in the student center, rehearsing for musical performances, attending special lectures, and group studies, all had their lasting impact on my life and helped shape my future endeavors.

As an alumnus, I want my legacy to include activities and contributions that support the accomplishments of my graduating class and the classes that have followed after me. I have to make concerted efforts to support and encourage the staff, faculty, and student body to continue building on the strong foundations of our outstanding university.



Young

How about you? What will be your legacy? Will you have purpose in your heart and mind to include a valiant effort at staying involved and giving valuable time to keeping foundations strong, relationships alive, scholarships funded, and keeping memories and passions alive through the stories of your life experiences here at FMU? If you haven’t joined the Alumni Association, why not join today online at www.fmarion.edu/alumni/membership. Remember when?

Best wishes,

President, Alumni Association



LET’S GO BACK!
Keep your eyes open
and watch for the signs
that will point the way to
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Feb. 17

Alumni in Admissions

The Office of Admissions and Alumni Affairs joined forces to hold two prospective students receptions in key locales. The first of the receptions was held on Sept. 28 at the Clarion Townhouse Hotel in Columbia, S.C. and the second was held on Oct. 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Charleston, S.C. The Columbia event was host to over 80 prospective students and the Charleston event was even bigger with over 100 in attendance. These Alumni-In-Admissions events allow prospective students to gather in a comfortable atmosphere and have some one-on-one time with the admissions staff, FMU faculty and alumni. The reception affords FMU true face-to-face recruiting time.

Over the course of the evening, students and their guests learned about admission requirements and were offered a question/answer session with Cynthia Harding, director of admissions. Additionally, all students were able to mingle with each other, meet possible college classmates, hear from faculty members from each of

our schools, and talk with graduates about their experiences as students and how their degrees enabled their success.

"Alumni are key in helping us recruit great students and holding these events is going to become more and more important to both the Office of Admissions and Alumni Affairs. Graduates love getting together and talking about their time at FMU. When we put successful alumni in the room with prospective students and parents, we are creating a recruiting tool that is dynamic and sincere. It is always a pleasure seeing our graduates share their memories and their testimonies for career success with the next generation of alumni," said Brandie Hayes, director of alumni affairs.

Alumni that made these events successful included: **Vi Hendly, Wendy Hines, Angie Lee, Charles Bruce, Devenney Mazell, Jennifer Loadholt, Richard and Faye Brewer, Shirley Bausmith, Julian Young, LaTasha Brand, Brandie Hayes, and Bill Ellen.**

Elmore named "Best Lawyer"

L. Franklin "Frank" Elmore '73 has been selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." Elmore, a co-founder of the regional Carolinas law firm Elmore & Wall, P.A., works



Elmore

from its Greenville, S.C., office where he limits his practice to construction and surety matters. He represents construction and surety clients in litigation, arbitration and mediations throughout the Southeast. Since its inception in 1983, "The Best Lawyers in America" has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States. Inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America" is based upon an exhaustive peer review survey in which 16,000 leading attorneys throughout the country cast more than a half-million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their specialties. Elmore & Wall, P.A., with offices in Charleston S.C., Greenville, S.C., and Raleigh, N.C., provides representation in the areas of construction and surety law, insurance defense and coverage issues, and complex litigation, including the defense of medical malpractice, products liability, toxic torts and class action litigation throughout the Carolinas.



Psychology alumni and faculty have a chance to catch up with one another at the Alumni Association sponsored event.

Alumni Association hosts Psychology reception

The FMU Alumni Association sponsored a reception for psychology graduates Oct. 12 in Hanson Park and the Cottage on campus. The event was attended by 30 psychology alumni, department faculty, President Carter and Provost Richard Chapman. Ron Murphy, a new faculty member in the Psychology Department, presented a program on post-traumatic



John Hester speaks with David Shaw and Ginger Ridgill at the psychology reception.

stress syndrome.

Alumni Director Brandie Hayes said the event was very successful.

"It is always a pleasure seeing graduates back on campus sharing memories and love for not only their alma mater, but also for the faculty and staff that have helped shape their lives and their careers."

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Student Alumni Association provides networking, mentoring opportunities

By Amy Lauren Scott

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) at Francis Marion University is an organization that serves to unite current FMU students with successful alumni in the community. The SAA also strives to promote the Alumni Association and prepare students to be informed and supportive alumni after graduation, along with encouraging campus pride among current students and alumni.

Brandie Hayes, director of alumni affairs and adviser for the Student Alumni Association, advises students to become a part of the SAA because of its many benefits today and in the future. "Students should think like graduates before they graduate and think about what they can do to positively represent FMU after graduation," Hayes said. "The SAA prepares students to do this by helping them learn to write resumes, network, speak in front of crowds, and market themselves," Hayes continued.

In order to prepare students for graduation, the SAA holds themed meetings throughout the school year, and alumni are present at each meeting to speak on their experiences here at FMU and in the workforce after college. "This year's themed meetings will discuss topics such as time management, stress management, dressing to impress, interviewing skills, and many other life skills that FMU students will need after graduation," Hayes said. Hayes elaborated that the meetings are not seminars or lectures but are interactive and include games, food, and team building skills.

In addition to preparing members for the future through interactive, helpful meetings, the Student Alumni Association is expanding a mentoring program. This program places current FMU students with alumni mentors who are working in a field that the student plans to enter after graduation. "Our mentoring program is new and had seven participants last year," Hayes said. "Both the students and the alumni mentors enjoyed being a part of the program." In January of 2007, The SAA plans to expand this mentoring program to include a large number of students and

alumni in many different fields.

Hayes, who is an FMU alumna herself and was a member of the SAA while she studied here, encourages students to become involved in SAA because it benefits them and the FMU community. "Our alumni are products of this university.

The better our products are, the more potential students will want to attend FMU," she said.

For more information about the SAA, Alumni Affairs, or the new mentor program contact Hayes at 843-661-1228.

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Student Alumni Association members, Marva Brown, Courtney Smalls, and Jazmine Linen pose for a photo during a day of recruiting new members at the Student Organization Fair. Photo taken by Alexis Hasan.

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Knight, Belissary receive awards from biology program

Lorraine (Rainey) Knight, superintendent of Darlington County School District, and Mary Kay Belissary, director of rehabilitative services with McLeod Medical Center in Darlington, have been honored by the Francis Marion University Department of Biology with outstanding alumni awards.

Knight received the John S. Boyce Award, while Belissary was presented the Lawrence Swails Award. These distinguished alumni awards, named after the Biology Department's first two chairmen, were presented during a reception Nov. 14 on the FMU campus. This is the first of what is planned to be an annual recognition of outstanding graduates of the biology program.

Julia Krebs remarked, "We enjoyed having the first annual alumni reception honoring two of our distinguished alumni. It was particularly gratifying to the faculty to be able to name the awards for two of our founding faculty members: Jack Boyce who was the founding chair of the department, and Larry Swails who was on the original faculty and who followed Boyce as chair."

Knight received her bachelor's degree in biology in 1977 and went on to complete her master's degree in biology from the University of South Carolina in 1980. She earned her doctorate in philosophy from the University of South Carolina in 1991.

Knight has been a teacher and a coach at Cheraw High School; an adjunct instructor at the University of South Carolina; has worked at the South Carolina State Department of Education in the Office of Research; and has been in the Darlington County School District as a secondary coordinator, a principal, an associate superintendent, and since 1999, has served as the superintendent of the Darlington County School District.

Knight is a member of the board of trustees at the Pee Dee

Education Center, board of directors for Darlington Free Medical Clinic, board of directors for Rubicon and a former member of the board of trustees at Francis Marion University.



Knight, Krebs and Belissary

Belissary attended FMU from 1977 to 1981 and returned to campus in 1986 to finish her bachelor's degree in biology. Before returning to FMU, Mary Kay received her bachelor's degree in physical therapy in 1983 from the Medical University of South Carolina. In 1986, she earned her master of science in physical therapy from the Medical College of Virginia.

Belissary has been employed with McLeod Medical Center – Darlington since 2001 and serves as the director of rehabilitative services. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. She is an active area representative for "Wheels for the World," a disability outreach program where people in developing countries are fitted for wheelchairs, and had the pleasure of visiting Cuba, China, Poland and the Ukraine with this organization. She is a past president of the 4H Foundation Board of Florence County, past board member of "Stirrups," past secretary/treasurer and vice president for the FMU Alumni Association and is very active in her church.

Alumni Board holds first retreat

The first annual Alumni Board of Directors planning meeting was held Aug. 11-12. Friday evening a social was held at the home of Alumni Board vice president, Stephen Jones. Saturday, a day-long planning session was held at Lynches River State Park.

The planning meeting was the idea of Julian Young, alumni president. He began his board tenure in 1998 as the Student Alumni Association liaison and was elected to fill the president's role in 2005. One of his first actions in office was the formal implementation of this fellowship, teambuilding, vision casting, and training weekend.

The main objective of the Friday night social was to bring the board together in a light, fun atmosphere where they could relax and get to know one another. "This social event was the first of its kind and everyone enjoyed getting to know each other a little better. The FMU stories and memories of 'back when I was a student' are always fun to hear," said alumni director Brandie Hayes.

Saturday morning began the day-long planning meeting facilitated by FMU graduate and professor of marketing, Mary Dittman. The board studied alumni base demographics, reviewed the current marketing strategies for the alumni membership campaign and alumni association, discussed alumni programming and

events, and worked as a team to put into place a strategic plan that focused on both long-term and short-term objectives.

Fellow board member Paul Seward commented, "It is an exciting time to be a part of the FMU Alumni Association. The board retreat was a great time to enrich the relationships with fellow board members and determine our goals for the 2006-2007 year. I am most excited about the new mentor program and hope that we can get the support of area alumni to assist with this program in the Spring of 2007."

For more information on how you can better help to serve your alma mater and get involved in the Alumni Association, please contact Brandie Hayes at 843-661-1228 or bhayes@fmarion.edu.



Arthur Moore, Paul Seward, Tracy Freeman, Stephen Jones and Ricky Hucks work together in a teambuilding activity.

1974

Steven Chapman and Brenda Simons were married on July 8, 2006. After a wedding trip to San Francisco and Kauai, the couple made their home in Pawleys Island.

1979

Diane Eckerd and her husband, Steve, who retired from the U.S. Navy in July after 23 years of service, are now living in Meridianville, Ala., with their three children, Carlos, Peter and Stephanie. The family is now enjoying warmer weather after three cold years in Maryland. **Diane** is a stay-at-home mom.

1982

Wingate Inn of Florence, S.C., announced that **Melanie Miles** has been appointed director of sales and marketing.

1984

Marion County Medical Center recently named **Alta DuBose** as vice president of finance. Her duties will encompass a broad range of responsibilities regarding the financial processes within the organization, including reimbursements and the coordination of IT systems throughout the hospital.

Curtis Hudson was named 2006 Coach of the Year in NJCCA Baseball Region 10. His 21-year baseball coaching career includes two high school state championships, most recently at Wilson High School (2002). **Curtis** is currently the head baseball coach for the Florence-Darlington Technical College Stingers baseball program.

1986

Anderson Brothers Bank has announced the promotion of **Randy Branch** to vice president of indirect lending at the bank's Florence branch. **Randy** will be working directly with local car dealers to finance the sales of automobiles in the Florence market. **Randy** previously served as branch manager of Anderson Brothers' Conway location.

Amanda Floyd married Christopher Hucks on July 9, 2006, at the Beaches Sandy Bay in Negril, Jamaica. The couple lives in Myrtle Beach.

Melesa "Les" Hudson announces the release of her solo Christian Country CD titled "Not Me." The CD features nine songs written or co-written by **Les**. The song "Step Out In Faith" from this project was released to national Christian country radio. In September, the song debuted at #94 on the Top 100 Christian Country Chart. **Les** is married to **Curtis Hudson** (1984) and they reside in Florence.

1987

Sharon Smith has been hired as the new accounting and marketing director for JP Builders, LLC. **Sharon** was previously associated with the South Carolina State Museum Foundation where she served as membership coordinator.

1988

Rebecca McCutcheon Cooper '88 (undergrad) and '97 (master's) presented a lesson about political parties at the South Carolina Social Studies Conference in Greenville, in September 2006. This was her third presentation at this statewide conference. She is a 15-year veteran teacher at South Florence High School. Becky and her husband, Bo, reside in Florence and have an 11-year-old daughter, Carrie, who attends Savannah Grove Elementary School.

1991

Stacie Kirby was recently named Teacher of the Year at Hannah-Pamlico Elementary/Middle School in Florence County School District 2.

1993

Matthew Miller recently accepted the production manager position at Barnard College/Columbia University in New York City. During the summer, he was the technical director for Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Mass., one of the premier summer stock theatre companies in the country. He will continue to pursue freelance lighting design work in New York as well.

1995

Monica Nichol and Joseph Starr were married on July 29, 2006.

Mari Kay McElveen and David Haney were married on May 27, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

1996

Ryan Eugene Coward and Raye Ann Troxel were married on March 18, 2006. The couple resides in Mt. Pleasant.

James Hodge and Caron Kinard were married on March 18, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

1998

Rebecca Dawn Howell and **Thomas Ray Rotan** (Class of 2000) were married on May 20, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

Lamar Scott Graham married Dorothy Pate Beard on August 26, 2006. The newlyweds reside in Columbia.

Amanda Olene James and Miguel Covarrubias Rosales were married on July 1, 2006. The couple lives in Coward.

1999

Carmen Lori Birchmore and Quade Allen Richardson were married on May 27, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

Keisha Gainey Church and **Ashley Church** welcomed their first child, Madeline Kaye, on June 8, 2006 at 11:21 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Madeline and her parents live in Charleston.

Todd Meegan and his wife, Maiesha, welcomed their first son, Aidan Robert, on March 14, 2006.

2000

Kevin and **Maggie (Class of 2003) Gause** are the proud parents of Nathan Roger Gause, born May 11, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long.



Nathan Gause

2001

Steve and **Mandy Hicks** announced the birth of their daughter, Taylor Alyssa Hicks on June 15, 2006.



Taylor Alyssa Hicks

Taylor weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Andrew Graham Matthews and **Amanda Caroline Byrd** (Class of 2004) were married on April 29, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

Carly Ratliff and John Campbell were married on May 6, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

2002

Atwood (At) McIntosh and **Sarah Cantley** '04 were married on April 8, 2006. The couple resides in Kingstree.

Jenny Rebekah Peele and Jason Allen Bradberry were married on May 27, 2006. The couple lives in Palm Coast, Fla.

Amber Leigh Smith and **Matthew Alan Glaz** were married on April 1, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

Amanda Todd of First Reliance Bank was named Outstanding County Chairman 2006 for her commitment to increase financial education during the 2005-2006 school year in Florence County. Amanda, who recently moved into business banking, was recognized through the Personal Economics Program (PEP) for her volunteer efforts in making financial literacy a priority in the state of South Carolina.

2003

Angela Lynne Moser and Jason Paul Willard were married on June 17, 2006. The couple lives in Florence.

Sarah Thorowgood and **Brian Daniels** were married in an outdoor ceremony on Sept. 29, 2006 at Sarah's parent's farm in Kentucky. The couple resides in St. Louis.

2004

Anna Myers recently accepted a position at ACS Technologies as an Extend Web associate.

Amy Denise Rasberry and Lawrence Justin Perugini were married on May 27, 2006. The couple resides in Florence.

Christen Gilbert and **Dave Sistare** '05 were united in marriage on October 7th in Columbia SC. After a trip to Disney world, the couple made their home in Columbia.

2005

Brandy Baxley recently joined McKnight Frampton CPAS LLC as a staff accountant.

Charles Louis Edwards has entered first year studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Lewisburg, W.Va.

Richard Elliott Jr. and Shannon Davis were married on June 24, 2006 at Central Baptist Church in Darlington. The couple lives in Florence.

Glenn Hill and Kaleena Weatherford were married on July 15, 2006. The couple resides in Florence.

2006

Stephanie Bosse and **Patrick Abernathy** were married on June 24, 2006.

Joshua Edward Britt and Erin Nicole Baxley were married on May 27, 2006. The couple lives in Darlington.

Brenda Denise Mumford and Chappell Earle Allison Jr. were married on June 3, 2006 at the First Baptist Church in Cheraw. The couple resides in Cheraw.

In memoriam

David R. Allen 1986
Kelly Michelle Blackwell 2004
William K. Blake 1993
Roger Lee Brock Jr. 2002
Desha T. Cooper 1996
Linda S. Dowling 1984
Wallace E. Fox 1984
William "Will" G. Horne 2004
Nishan Bonit Huff 2005
David J. McIntosh 1996
Linda C. McIntyre 1973
Vanessa B. Owens 2007
Nathan J. Wall 2000

Letters to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My daughter Lindsay enrolled at FMU this fall. We were very impressed by the orientation session and found it extremely informative and useful. Several of my security concerns were put to rest by (Campus Police) Chief (Richard) Austin.

Walking the campus I was struck at just how far the institution has come in the 28 years since I graduated. We were very much a commuter college for students living in the Pee Dee area in the 1970s.

That is no longer the case. With some 800 freshmen starting in the fall from all over the state and the country plus internationally, Francis Marion University is home to students from all over the world. The school has stayed true to the high standards of excellence in education and is reflected by its dedicated faculty and staff. More than ever, I'm sure Lindsey has made a great choice to attend Francis Marion University and she will succeed in her goal of becoming a nurse.

I'm very thankful for the way Francis Marion University has progressed since I attended and for the opportunity my daughter has in attending now in 2006. My 28 year career in civil engineering got its start with my education at Francis Marion, and 28 years after I graduated, I'm blessed that my daughter will pursue her dreams at the same Francis Marion. Even the school has "graduated from a college to a university" since I attended.

The Pee Dee area should be very proud to have such a fine university as Francis Marion as an integral part of the community and a place where dreams can be pursued and goals reached by our young people.

Respectfully,
Gerald D. "Jerry" Jackson Jr.
FMU Class of 1978
Glen Allen, Va.

Dear Editor,

Please allow this short note, (well, maybe not so short) to state my observations of how smooth moving in went on Saturday, Aug. 19, for the freshmen, and especially for my daughter, Kelliann.

Both she and my wife spent a good part of the previous Friday moping around and fussing about what should be packed and what should stay home. I suppose we both know, however, it had nothing to do with "stuff." It had to do with our first of three daughters moving on to the next stage of her life and the emotions that go along with that.

On Saturday morning, we met up with her new roommate and her parents at a convenience store off the interstate at 9 a.m. so they could sign in together. I'm not sure about the process of assigning roommates, but it appears to us that the match could not have been better – even to the point that they both had lived in the same county in New Jersey at different times of their lives. Only time will tell, but they are off to a great start.

The penultimate touch was the upperclassmen who assisted the freshmen (and more importantly, the parents) getting belongings into the rooms. What a masterpiece of efficiency! That alone was worth the price of tuition.

The multitude of security officers made a very bold statement to me. As the son of a retired police chief and as one who is still very active in emergency services, I was impressed by the subliminal show of force. It told me my daughter would be in a place that values security. (Where did you find all those constables anyway?) All the officers I came across were polite and helpful, keeping their sense of humor in the hot, August sun, amongst the lost and confused.

At the move-in, I spoke with (FMU president) Dr. (Fred) Carter about my small college (Mt. St. Mary's, Class of 1982) and how FMU reminded me so much of my beloved "Mount." I was surprised that all present were familiar with it. I then brought up the fact that FMU was not my daughter's first or second choice. Without any other clues, Dr. Carter was able to identify her first (College of Charleston) and second (University of South Carolina) and remind me of exactly why I didn't want her to attend either of those schools. (I suppose I am not alone.)

Without getting all touchy and feely, I recall being at the Open House with my daughter a few months back. I was taking everything in, looking for positives and then, when Dr. Carter got up and welcomed the crowd, I knew then that everything was going to be just fine. I don't recall a single thing he actually said, but I just understood that he knew what he was doing and that as long as he was in charge, chances were that I would be "philosophically congruent" with FMU.

It's difficult to let your first child go. My wife and I have spent 18 years trying to teach her the best we could, watching her closely, but allowing her some room to make her own mistakes. Now it's up to her. No tears have been cried since the move-in. We left behind a glowing, excited young woman, who was marveling in her new surroundings. There was nothing to cry about.

From one of the newest members of the "FMU Dad" bumper sticker club,

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Freshmen ladies work hard to move belongings to their assigned dormitory rooms.

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Students in a theatre costume design class taught by assistant professor Abby Wurster developed creatures for McLeod Children's Hospital as a class project during the fall semester. Wurster enlisted pattern donations from Simplicity Pattern Co. Inc. and used the project for the students to learn basic hand and machine sewing skills. In late October, the class took a field trip to McLeod to deliver their creations to children who were hospitalized.



Students participating in the project are listed from left to right, front row, Abrea Capers, Katie Kelley, Cara Livingston; middle row, Erin Lamz, Asha Pinckney, Ashley Leamon, Nikki Hemingway, Anastazia Richburg, Lisa Knotts; back row, Leah Kunz, Matt Baker.



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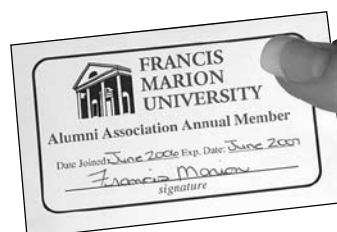
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Dec. 17

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"The Christmas Star," 3 pm, CEMC 2nd Floor

Jan. 2-Feb. 15

Art Gallery Series:
Pastel Drawings by Tulla Lightfoot
Ceramic Head Pots by David Hooker
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Mon-Fri, Hyman Fine Arts Center Gallery

Jan. 9 - Mar. 8

Art Gallery Series: Soulscape:
Drawings and Paintings by Harry Arnette
McFadden, Tim Green and Randall Fulton
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Mon-Fri, Smith University Center Gallery

Jan. 14

Dooley Planetarium
"The Sky Watchers," 3 pm, CEMC 2nd Floor

Jan. 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
University Closed

Jan. 16

Cinema Film Series:
Kim Ki-Duk's *3-Iron*
3:30 & 8 pm, Lowrimore Auditorium, CEMC

Jan. 28

Dooley Planetarium
"The Evening Sky," 3 pm, CEMC 2nd Floor

Feb. 6

First Tuesday Arts Event:
The Firenze Quartet, 8 pm, Kassab Recital Hall, HFAC

Feb. 11

Dooley Planetarium
"Mars Exploration Rovers Update"
3 pm, CEMC 2nd Floor

Feb. 13

Cinema Film Series:
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3:30 & 8 pm, Lowrimore Auditorium, CEMC

Feb. 17

Homecoming 2007
Open House for prospective studnets

Feb. 20-Apr. 5

Art Gallery Series:
New Works by Mark Gordon
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Mon-Fri, Hyman Fine Arts Center Gallery

Feb. 22-24

University Theatre:
This Is Our Youth by Kenneth Lonergan
8 pm, Fine Arts Theatre, Hyman Fine Arts Center

Feb. 25

Dooley Planetarium
"Follow the Drinking Gourd," 3 pm, CEMC 2nd Floor

Feb. 27

Concert: University Wind Symphony
8 pm, McNair Science Building Auditorium

Mar. 1

University Artist Series:
Così fan tutte by W.A. Mozart performed by
Capital City Opera Company
8 pm, McNair Science Building Auditorium

Mar. 11

Dooley Planetarium
"Last Days of Earth," 3 pm, CEMC 2nd Floor

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